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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 138 is set out in the report of the Committee contained in document A/68/504.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 26th meeting, on 27 December 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/68/SR.26).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Contributions on its seventy-third session (A/68/11);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans (A/68/68).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/68/L.10

4. At its 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" (A/C.5/68/L.10), submitted by the Chair.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/68/L.10 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Israel, Australia, the United States of America and Saudi Arabia (see A/C.5/68/SR.26).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly

(a) Decides that, in accordance with financial regulation 3.9 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] the State of Palestine, which is not a member of the United Nations but which participates in certain of its activities, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 on the basis of a notional assessment rate of 0.005 per cent, which represents the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees to be charged to the State of Palestine in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/197 B of 21 December 1989;

(b) Also decides that the State of Palestine shall contribute one twelfth of this rate for each full month as a non-member observer State in 2012.

[1] ST/SGB/2013/4.